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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Sien G. Kang

Application No.: 09/893,340 ✓

Filed: June 26, 2001 ✓

For: SURFACE FINISHING OF SOI  
SUBSTRATES USING AN EPI  
PROCESS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 2640

Examiner: Erik J. Kielin

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 24, 2002 and the  
Advisory Action mailed March 14, 2003 on the above-referenced application, please enter the  
following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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